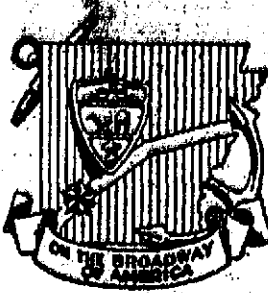


A THOUGHT  
The weaving mind is but a  
base possession.—Euripides.

# Hope



# Star

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A man who was seen  
last night, probably  
Sunday morning, about  
midnight.

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# CONFESSES KIDNAPING FAKE

## BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

By Rodney Dutcher

WASHINGTON.—John L. Lewis and the militant labor leaders associated with him in the Committee for Industrial Organization are about to make their first attack.

## State's Revenue on Millage Tax Increases \$200,000

Proof of Upward Trend in  
Arkansas Business De-  
clares Page

DEBT-FREE IN 1936

General Revenue Fund  
Will Wipe Out Last of  
Huge Overdraft

By O. P. IANES  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Arkansas revenue during the calendar year 1935 showed a decided upward trend declared by State Treasurer Earl Page as "very gratifying."

Page said that some of the funds in the treasury had suffered declines, "due to many obvious causes, but many others have shown very wealthy increases."

The hike in millage tax revenue during the year was cited by Page as "conclusive proof" that conditions throughout Arkansas are improving. In that connection, he said:

"The best evidence we have on our records of improved conditions is the substantial increase in revenue derived from the millage taxes. With eleven months of the calendar year fully accounted for and the month of December estimated, it is anticipated that the millage taxes will show an increase of between \$175,000 and \$200,000 over 1934."

Old general revenue obligations outstanding were decreased greatly. Act 5 of 1935 set up a general revenue sinking fund for the purpose of retiring warrants which had been issued against the general revenue fund, which was depleted.

The act provided that 20 per cent of every dollar coming into the general revenue fund should be set aside in the sinking fund. During 1935 the sinking fund was credited with an amount sufficient to retire \$23,145.46 in old warrants.

Out of Debt in 1936  
"At the rate the fund has been acquiring revenue, the last of these old obligations should be retired before midsummer of 1936," Treasurer Page predicted.

Keeping the records of the treasury is a tremendous task. There are approximately 110 separate funds of which an accurate account must be kept. Five of these are federal aid funds. They are: The Smith-Hughes fund, the Vocational Rehabilitation fund, the George-Elizy fund, the Morrill-Nelson fund, and the Bankhead-Jones fund.

The George-Elizy fund is devoted to school aid and the Morrill-Nelson fund is divided between the University of Arkansas and the Negro A. & M. college at Pine Bluff, eight-eighths going to the University. The Bankhead-Jones fund is divided in the same manner, \$20,000 having been received from it in 1935.

State Hospital Progresses  
"Resumption of work on the state hospital for nervous diseases at Benton was of interest to every taxpayer," Page said. "Through a public works administration grant to the Arkansas construction fund, the erection of the large plant which is calculated to take care of many of our unfortunate nervous patients was resumed some time ago and work is going steadily on."

"Revenue derived from income taxes

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## Ice on Approaches to Fulton Bridge Paralyzes Traffic

75 Cars and Trucks Held  
at Bridge Midnight to  
7 in Morning

ROLLING SATURDAY

Highway Department  
Crews Thaw Ice With  
Salt, Restoring Traffic

Traffic over the Fulton toll bridge, Broadway of America route, was suspended shortly after midnight Friday because of the ice-covered approaches of the bridge which made driving extremely hazardous.

Approximately 75 tourists, truck drivers and commercial travelers, were held up for six hours, traffic being restored at 7 a. m. Saturday.

Those delayed spent the night huddled around stoves at the toll bridge to keep warm. Others spent the night in their cars, keeping their motors running to prevent freezing.

An emergency crew of district three Arkansas Highway department was called out early Saturday. Salt was sprinkled on the bridge approaches and traffic started moving at 7 a. m.

Bridgekeeper L. E. Quinn told The Star Saturday morning that no accidents had occurred in that area.

Traffic was hampered as early as Friday afternoon when a light rain began falling, rapidly changing into sleet as the afternoon advanced.

The sleet and rain stuck to automobiles, covering the windshield and body of the car with sheets of ice.

The Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment station reported a low Friday night of 28½ degrees as compared to the minimum of Thursday night of 17½ degrees.

Sidewalks and streets of Hope were covered with sheets of ice Saturday morning, presenting precarious foot-holds.

## Middlebrooks and Melon Publicized

Farm Credit Administra-  
tion Record Carries  
Hempstead Co. Story

A photo and story of Oscar D. Middlebrooks and his 195-pound watermelon appears in the January-February issue of the St. Louis Farm Credit Administration Record, distributed to 25,000 production credit borrowers in Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois.

The photo and other material were furnished by Judd Wyatt, information agent of the Farm Credit Administration of St. Louis, at his request, by Hope Star.

In his reply, enclosing the current issue of the "Record" containing the Middlebrooks article, Mr. Wyatt wrote The Star:

"I want to thank you for the use of the photograph. It added a touch of human interest lacking in many of the other pictures."

The "Record's" story went on to tell how the Middlebrooks melon finally was sent to Movie Actor Dick Powell in California.

## Italian Fleet in Review for War

Nation's Most Powerful  
Squadron Assembles  
in Red Sea

Copyright Associated Press  
MASSAUA, Eritrea.—Italy's Red sea fleet, with a royal commander on the flagship bridge, Friday night had completed maneuvers which, informed sources said, were designed to make it ready to "face any eventuality."

The fleet was termed the most powerful Italy has ever concentrated in these waters. It was commanded by the Duke of Spoleto, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who arrived recently from Italy.

## Speculation, War, Only Threat to Business, Flynn's Opinion



(Publishers' Photo Service)  
"... as 1936 Begins its journey ..."

## Will R. Thornton Dies at Prescott

Born at Sutton, Nevada  
Countian Succumbs in  
His 74th Year

PRESCOTT, Ark.—Will R. Thornton, 74, pioneer Nevada county resident, died at his home here early Friday. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Harmony church.

Mr. Thornton was born at Sutton, January 16, 1862. He was married to Miss Lula Moseley of Sutton in 1887. In 1920 Mr. Thornton moved to Prescott where he made his home until death.

He was the father of Mrs. Cyrus Dickinson of Hope.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. D. W. Durham, Mrs. Ray Hendrix, Mrs. Theron Coleman, Miss Ollie May Thornton, all of Prescott; Mrs. Cyrus Dickinson of Hope; three sons, Horace Thornton of Prescott; Clyde and Charlie Thornton, both of El Dorado; two nephews, Bob Ellis of Sutton, Carl Ellis of Hope; one niece, Mrs. Bill Fairchild of Rosston; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Local Negro Once Served Dr. Brough

Rev. W. H. D. Bright  
Helped Through School  
by Noted Arkansan

The Rev. W. H. D. Bright, pastor of the C. M. E. church of Hope and for 12 years an employee of the late Dr. Charles H. Brough, former governor, will be among those attending the state funeral at the capitol building in Little Rock Sunday.

"The local negro pastor said that through the assistance of Dr. Brough he attended Philander-Smith college and was graduated in 1928."

"I had no better friend and advisor than Dr. Brough. He was one of Arkansas' greatest educators, and a man of high Christian character," the negro pastor said.

## Textiles Rise in 1935, Cotton, Silk

Cotton Mills Open and  
Close Year on Par With  
1929-30 Average

By RADER WINGET  
Associated Press Correspondent

NEW YORK.—(P)—The American textile industry in the aggregate counted 1935 as one of the better years for business.

Activity of all textile mills increased steadily throughout the year, and prices of raw materials either maintained the gains attained since the bottom of the depression or extended the upward movement.

The cotton textile industry went through 12 months which, when translated into a chart line, resembled a sagging clothes line.

Measured by The Associated Press index of activity, adjusted for seasonal trend, the cotton industry was operating better than 100 per cent of the 1929-30 average as the year opened.

By mid-year the bottom had been reached, 92.9 per cent of the 1929-30 average, but as the year closed the index again had crossed the 100 per cent mark.

As for the entire textile industry—cotton, wool, rayon, silk—the textile economics bureau predicted: "We expect the textile index to hold its present high level for the next few months, but any appreciable increase from the present levels would not seem to be in prospect."

One reason for that interpretation is the curious two-year cycle through which the industry appears to travel. Old years usually are high and even years low for production. Next year is even.

Silk prices made the most forceful rise starting about mid-year, and wool recovered about the time for its upswing. Rayon prices continued the long-time downward movement by easing from highs early in the year.

## Economic Expert Sees Clear Road for Coming Year

Upward Surge of Stock  
Market Something to Be  
Suspicious of

DEBT PAYDAY 1936

Flynn Believes Load of  
Depression Debt Won't  
Be Felt Until Then

John T. Flynn, in two previous articles, has reviewed business of the depression years and 1935. Today, in the last article of his series written exclusively for NEA Service, this noted economist ventures a forecast for 1936.

By JOHN T. FLYNN  
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The road ahead for business, as 1936 begins its journey, is really less confused than at any time in these last five years.

Will the business lift continue? There seems hardly a doubt of this. War or some "unforeseen disaster" may alter the course of events. But this is not likely.

There is hardly a doubt that production in all the consumers' goods industries will improve, that employment will rise, that prices will rise, that the security markets will reflect the general expansion and make desperate efforts to stage a revival in speculation.

Will business revive sufficiently to enable the government to retire from the function of priming the pump? To answer this in the affirmative it would be necessary to predict a revival of the capital goods industries. If the lift in business continues, some rise in the capital goods industry is inevitable. But there are no signs now that this rise will be sufficient to enable the government to put an end to its pump priming.

1921 Collapse Differed  
What energies are apparent in business to justify a hope of capital goods revival? Unlike some other depression this one has brought into being no new device or invention or development which seems likely to affect deeply the course of future industry. In the depression of 1921-23, the construction industry never did collapse. In the midst of the depression building of movie theaters, hotels, apartment houses and commercial buildings was on a large scale. That as the automobile industry rose, with the amazing changes it wrought in our way of life—new suburbs, new garages, new roads, new towns—there was an immense capital goods revival supplemented by a further development of the new skyscraper, and the prosperity of the 1920's was in the making.

But we see no far-reaching development yet. Some things have happened. They are:

(1) Streamlining of railroads. This accompanied by a serious rundown of the construction of new railroads. The new railroad building were it not for the crippled financial conditions of the roads. At that, however, some railroad construction should appear this year.

(2) The modern small house. A lower cost small house has appeared on the market, with design and modern equipment which represents an amazing advance over existing houses. This has already resulted in an increase in small house construction. In Long Island, for instance, and in a few middle western cities, it has reached the proportions of a small boom. It is all quite small yet, but it has in it the potentialities of a construction revival on a moderate scale.

(3) Industrial mechanization. There is no doubt that industry is prepared to press technological improvements as far as possible to guard against any rise in labor costs. Some of this has already been accomplished. It accounts for the fact that while business and production have improved greatly, not very much impression has been made on the total volume of unemployment. However, if this movement continues it will make for some relief.

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## Bulletins

By the Associated Press—The latest of a succession of bold forays by invading troops against Italy's invading Blackshirts, described in communications from Addis Ababa, gave a fresh complexion Saturday to Premier Mussolini's campaign of occupation in Ethiopia. Practically stationary for weeks, the Italian forces on the northern front were forced to relinquish Abbi Addi, 25 miles west of the main northern lines, in an Ethiopian surprise attack.

WASHINGTON.—Alfred E. Smith has been invited to be the guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt when he comes to Washington to address the American Liberty League dinner January 25. Smith is a charter member of the league, and an assistant of one of the New Deal's actions and legislation.

PARIS, France.—(Copyright Associated Press)—Steel-helmeted Mobile Guards, with carbines swung on their shoulders, were held in readiness for possible disorders Saturday outside the Chamber of Deputies as Premier Laval's cabinet faced the danger of overthrow in the chamber, voice on his foreign policy.

NEW YORK.—(P)—The National Collegiate Athletic association went on record Saturday favoring American participation in the Olympic games at Berlin next summer and urged its constituent members to lend "generous financial support" to the American team.

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LITTLE ROCK.—Twenty-four of 75 business men from different sections of the state, invited by telegram to meet with the Arkansas Centennial Commission executive committee, assembled here Friday and decided that Arkansas cannot afford to neglect the opportunities provided by its 100th anniversary of statehood next year; that to do so would reflect unfavorably upon the state and its people; and that the state would lose millions of dollars in business which will be transacted by visitors and tourists who will come to Arkansas for a centennial celebration.

Reaching the decision that "Arkansas is going to have a centennial celebration," the commission's executive committee was requested to issue a call for 100 patriotic, far-sighted citizens to offer their services as the "Arkansas Centennial Volunteers." Each volunteer is to accompany his application with a contribution of \$100, and the pledge to lend moral and active support to the government, members of the legislature and others in making the centennial celebration a success.

The volunteer roll of honor will be announced New Year's Day, with enrollment in the order received. The funds thus obtained will be used in defraying expenses of preliminary plans for the celebration.

Names of the volunteers will be inscribed on a scroll, and deposited with other documents which will become part of the permanent history of Arkansas. Those desiring to become members of this group of 100 citizens should send their subscriptions to Harvey Couch, Pine Bluff.

## 10 Provinces to Replace States?

New Division of U. S. Rec-  
ommended by Secretary  
Ickes' Group

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Carving the nation into 10 or more provinces, with a sub-capital or government quarters in each region, was recommended to President Roosevelt Friday in a report by the National Resources Committee of which Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes is chairman.

Washington is already bursting with office holders and buildings can't be constructed fast enough to house the rapidly growing bureaucracy, it was said. The committee's suggestions were seen as a logical outgrowth of Secretary Ickes' announcement some weeks ago that several New Deal agencies would have to be moved to nearby Baltimore because no accommodations could be found for them here.

The regional set-ups were recommended primarily for national resource study and operations, but it was reported that all federal offices eventually might be consolidated in the "little capitals" of each region.

The American Liberty League at once assailed the plan as one usually adopted by "dictatorial governments."

Chicago would house the "little capital" in the Midwestern region, according to the tentative schedule mapped out by the committee. Other regional divisions and their headquarters cities were: New England, Boston; Eastern, New York; Ozark-Alachua, Knoxville; Southern, Atlanta; Gulf Coast, New Orleans; Pacific Northwest, Portland; Pacific Southwest, San Francisco; and Inter-Mountain, Denver. Other possible headquarters cities mentioned were Salt Lake City, Bismarck, Omaha, Asheville, St. Paul and Duluth.

The new Orleans district would comprise Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Knoxville's region would be Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Midway Musical  
The women of Midway community will hold a musical program and cakewalk for the benefit of the community building Tuesday night, December 31. The public is invited.

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## Lessons in Law-Making

By the Associated Press

No. 1 Congress Convened  
Under the 20th, or so-called "large duck," amendment to the constitution the congress of the United States is convened on January 3 of each year.

Vice President Garner, the senate's presiding officer, at 12 o'clock noon raps sharply with a solid ivory gavel. The senate then is in session. At the same time, at the opposite end of the capitol, Speaker Byrnes raps with a gavel to convene the house of representatives.

After preliminaries such as the swearing in of members, appointment of committees to notify the President congress awaits his recommendations for legislation, election of officers and employees by each house, the two houses adjourn.

Then follows a joint session in the chamber of the house of representatives to hear the President's message on the State of the Union.

The Constitution provides that the President "shall from time to time give to Congress information on the State of the Union, and recommend to them such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Usually the President sends a general message at the opening of a session, discussing general conditions and recommending legislation. Later he may send brief messages suggesting legislation on one particular topic. These messages are referred to senate and house committees.

Tomorrow—How Laws Are Born.







# Society

Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

## A Carol After Christmas

Cut on the fire the wreath of withered holly,  
And see the mistletoe;  
Up the great chimney where Saint Nick descended,  
And let the smoke drift go,  
Strip from the tree the trinkets and the tapers;  
Each barren bough  
Give to the blaze that, leaping, shall consume it,  
And no least twig allow.  
Christmas is past! Ye little laughing children,  
Why do the burning trees—  
Think for a moment, solemn in the twilight,  
How great your blessings be!  
Send up like smoke from bough and wreath and berry,  
Your thanks to God, who made your Christmas merry!—Selected.

## Impressions December 22-23

The best Christmas story I have read this Christmas, or any Christmas, seems to me, is entitled, "Home For Christmas," by Lloyd C. Douglis, the author of "Magnificent Obsession" and "Green Light." Just as human and beautifully expressive as either of the two named books.

A Christmas party I would like to have attended—the one given at Calander, Ontario, Canada, with the Dionne quintuplets as hostesses. It would indeed be a wonderful sight to see five little chubby sisters make merry over their Santa Claus. I don't wonder at the sweet smile that always adorns the face of their Patron Saint, Dr. Dafoe.

One of our first impressions in this column was the suggestion for a campaign toward the abatement of unnecessary noises, such as the prolonged whistling of our incoming and outgoing trains, the screech of the out of place siren, open automobile cut-outs and lengthy blowing of auto horns etc., etc. I wonder how many of you are ready to agree with me that "we are on the way," and give thanks for what has been accomplished. I actually sat through a concert at the city

auditorium lately, without one single stoppage for passing whistling, bell ringing trains, and heard one of our ministers say, it was certainly a relief to have an evening service at his church without being disturbed by the above mentioned noise. The largest Anti-noise league in the world is in London, where her success in hushing clangers and unnecessary noises is certainly encouraging to a small city like Hope, but we all seem to be working together and getting results—Thanks.

One viewing the beautifully lighted Christmas trees, and other pleasing out door symbols dedicated to Christendom's nativity in nearly every home in our city during the past week and think of the thousands of them springing through all the cities and towns and villages from Maine to California and from Oregon to Florida, will stop and think how short a time has passed since the lighting by electricity of the first community tree set up in Madison Square New York in 1892, as the twilight faded toward darkness, the chimneys of the Metropolitan Tower changed jubilee, and the church bells all over the city, rang high, rang low in a mighty chorus. When the darkness fell the Parsifal call thrilled from a battery of trumpets and the Star of Bethlehem flashed out from the very top of the tree, which presently thereafter blazed out at a composite jewel of many colors. The decorations may be simple or elaborate, cost much or little, according to the purse and the ambition of the decorator. But the note remains the Christmas note, even when all the artificial aids of electricity are used to elaborate the harmony. And the whole thing has got to be a nation-wide phenomenon. Ever since 1892, there has been a great tree lighted up in Madison Square, and every Christmas since there have been hundreds of such illuminated Christmas trees throughout the land.

A very impressive article in the Friday issue of the Arkansas Gazette reads: "Stone Folks Breath Sighs of Relief as Pew Exchange Gifts." The writer was the least bit curious to know if that had been the experience of our merchants, so we took a census of the downtown places of business that had enjoyed a big Christmas trade, and the answer was almost unanimous as follows: "We had a splendid business, with the quietest December 26th, as far as exchange, in the history of our business." "All report good business for the day after Christmas, with few exceptions, all of which goes to prove, that we are either a more contented people, or gave more attention to our purchases, or are more appreciative of the thought instead of the gift, any way you view it, it all seems to me a strong argument for the 'New Deal' or something that has been put into the hearts of our people within the last year or so.

Misses Meris Bonner and Marjorie Butler of Spring Hill, La., are holiday guests of Miss Rose Elizabeth England.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hatley and attractive little daughters, Lenora and Katherine of Warren, are guests of Mrs. Hatley's mother, Mrs. Cora Staggs and other relatives.

Miss Marie Williams entertained a group of her young friends at a very delightful Christmas dinner party on Friday evening at the home of her aunt, Miss Marie and Nannie Perkins on East Second street. The Christmas motif was very charmingly observed in the table decorations and covers were laid for twelve.

The O. H. C. club held its regular meeting on Friday evening at the home of Miss Wanda Keith, West

Fourth street. Following a short business period, different games were enjoyed by the members and guests present.

Miss Marion Smith of Arkadelphia is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Brill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward and family of Conway are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frith and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John James, 533 South Main street announce the arrival of a daughter, Martha Jean, born Friday night at Julia Chester hospital. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reaves, Jr., had as their guests Friday Mr. and Mrs. Paul Luce of Houma, Penn., and the Rev. Guy C. Ames of Marlow, Okla.

## 3 Marx Brothers on Screen Sunday

"A Night at the Opera" Reported to Be Their Greatest Film

Those Merry Madcaps, the Marx Brothers—Groucho, Chico and Harpo—spent two years in preparation for the filming of their latest comedy, "A Night at the Opera," which shows Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Senguer Theater.

It is worth waiting for! Here is a picture that is not only tops for the screen, but is a comedy you would expect from the Marx Brothers, but one that is built around an intriguing plot, an interesting story and some truly brilliant singing by two Broadway stage favorites, Kitty Carlisle and Allan Jones.

The action rumps along at a sprightly pace as Groucho, Chico and Harpo go into the grand opera business in Italy, dash across the Atlantic and stage an opera in New York that has the city in a tizzy.

It is opera such as has never been seen before, as the Marxes become matchmakers to further the romance of two unknown opera singers.

Original comedy, sparkling dialogue, delighted opera and, of course, the Marx Brothers, vie in the funniest, most delightful fun feast that has come to the screen for some time.

## Obsolete Office in France Abolished

Royalty Long Ago Vanished, But Soft-Snap Job Had Continued

PARIS.—(P)—A survival of the royal regime in France, the office of referendary to the seal of France, was snuffed out by one of Premier Laval's last decrees.

In the old days, it was the duty of the referendaries to see that letters-patent were in order before the great seal was affixed to them. Royalty vanished but the job remained.

No appointment to the office has been made since 1892, the work being done by one or two officials at a sixth of the cost.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity.

10:15—Morning Prayer.  
10:25—Catechetical Instructions.  
10:45—Spiritual Reading.  
11:00—High Mass. Discourse: "Behold, He is . . . for a sign which will be opposed from the Gospel of St. Luke, read in the Mass.

4:00—Study "Our Sunday Visitor."  
5:00—Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament, and prayers in honor of the Nativity.

Tuesday night, 7:30 Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament and prayers of Thanksgiving for the year 1935.

Wednesday, holy day of obligation, Feast of the Circumcision of the Christ Child, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7, and Benediction with the Most Blessed at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday night, 7:30 Holy Hour. Friday, the First Friday of January, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:30.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Guy D. Holt, Pastor

This will be the last Sunday in the year, and we would like very much to have as many of the members and their friends attend the service of the day as possibly can. Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship hour at 11 a. m. Sermon subject "In Retrospect" and evening worship hour 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject "Spill Milk."

Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m. in the church Bungalow. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday night, January 1. This will be the first worship service of the New Year in the church, so let's have a large attendance.

We extend a hearty invitation to everyone to come and worship with us at one and all of our services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Thos. L. Brewster, Pastor

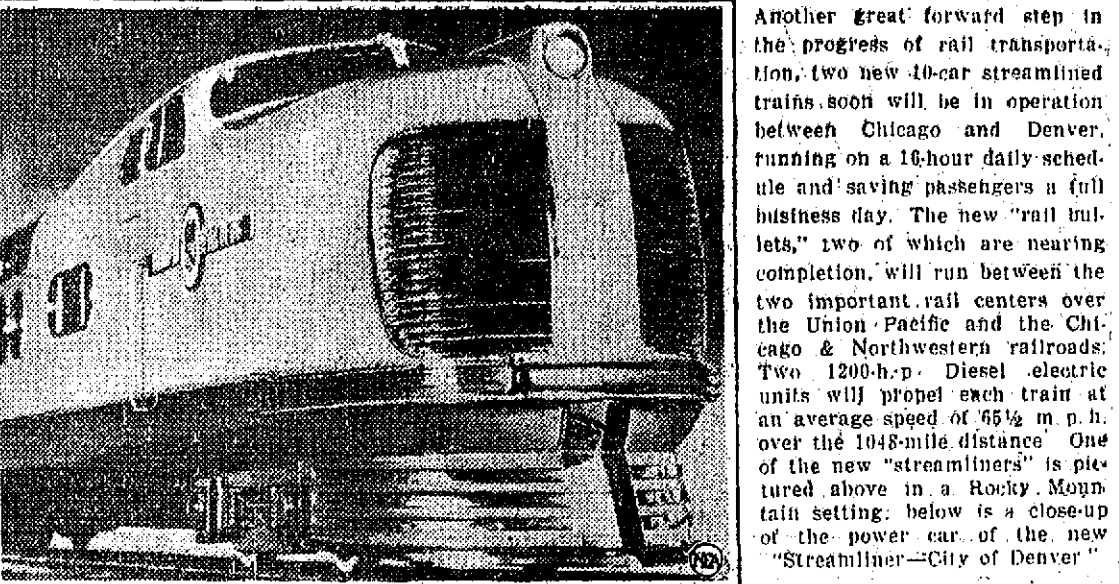
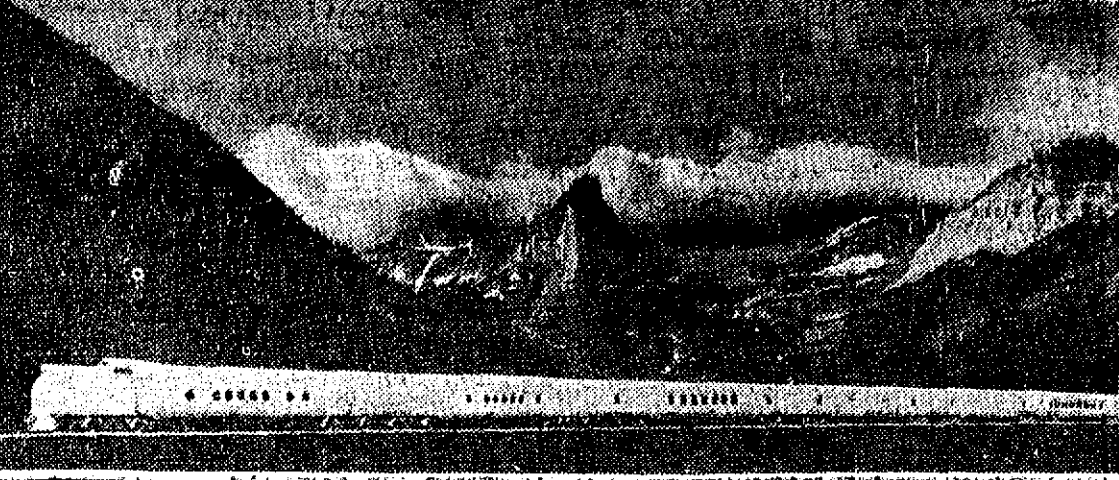
Sunday school 9:45. Morning preaching service 10:55. At the morning preaching service a special offering will be taken for the Synod's indebtedness. All are urged to contribute liberally.

Vesper Service 5 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

"Shacks-Pay-Are" Barred PARIS.—(P)—French radio announcers and news commentators henceforth must not use foreign words or names until they learn how to pronounce them properly.

From now on Shakespeare will be pronounced as in English and not "Shacks-pay-are," as it has frequently come over the radio in the past, and Robert Browning will no longer be known to French listeners as "Ro-bair Broo-nang."

## Streamliners Will Bring Denver, Chicago Nearer



## Speculation. War

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employment in the heavy machinery industry.

(4) Rural electrification may get a powerful impetus. The government is attempting to stimulate this. But the time is ripe for it and the power industry may, on its own motion, press this unexploited market.

Relief Needs Persist But on the whole it seems fairly clear that these will not produce a wholesale revival of the heavy machinery and construction industries. That being so, the government will have to continue its spending.

But there is another reason for this. It is not merely a question of priming the pump. There is a social problem involved. With such a vast army of unemployed people the government—no matter who were in power—would have to continue to provide work or relief. In addition the government will have to continue those projects which it has begun. The effect of all this will be that the government must continue spending. And this spending plus any energy of its own which business may develop will insure the continuance of the business rise.

Business itself—or rather Big Business—insists that there is one powerful drawback. Business itself, with its reduced inventories, its shortages, the enormous reserves built up in banks, says it is ready to go and would go forward on a tremendous scale if it were not for the strait-jacket of government legislation and bureaucracy which restrains it. There is absolutely nothing in this argument.

Business Unhampered Where is this strait-jacket? There is none on the banks. As a matter of fact, the banks are upheld

by the government guarantee, by over a billion in government loans and investment in banks and by a rise of seven billion dollars in deposits, almost all the result of government action.

There is none on industry. The NRA which might have been considered a chain on industry, is a thing of the past.

There is none on the railroads. Instead, the roads have been kept alive by government loans on a vast scale.

Perhaps the utilities may insist they are held back by the utility act. But this act does not apply to the operating utilities, only to the holding companies which control their stock. Even assuming that this is hampering the utilities, this does not apply to all industry.

Big Boom Is Peril There may be two or more opinions about the wisdom or the lack of wisdom of the New Deal measures. But it is not fair to say they are a strait-jacket on industry. For a while this charge was brought against the Securities Act and the Stock Exchange Act. But this can no longer be claimed. There has been too much financing under the Securities Act for this argument to hold water any longer.

And as for the Stock Exchange Act, the Commission has put almost no restrictions on the exchanges as yet. If further proof were needed we have only to turn to the 3,000,000 share days which have been developing on the exchange. One of the dangers of the year is a runaway speculation. The federal authorities have shown no disposition to curb it.

Another danger of the year is the threat of war which hangs over the world. What effect a great war between foreign powers would have on our own economy it is difficult to say. It would depend on the policies adopted by the administration. The first effect would be to disorganize our

## Heavy Industries to Get Under Way

Two Supreme Court Reversals Have Helped, Declares Banker

NEW YORK—Walter W. Smith, president of the First National Bank in St. Louis, in an annual statement on business conditions said the supreme court decisions holding unconstitutional the NRA and the Frazier-Lemke farm moratorium act stimulated trade and industry.

"These decisions did more to restore confidence and make possible the beginning of expansion in the heavy industries than any other single event," he said.

"As a result there exists the first real promise, barring unforeseen developments, that the heavy industries soon will begin absorbing an appreciable number of unemployed."

foreign trade and injure us. After that we could capitalize on the war and look for war business or we could adopt a policy of strict neutrality. The latter policy would cut into our industry. The former would expand business but almost certainly get us into the war.

Another threat is the election. This may be dismissed with the statement that the old myth that elections interfere with business is absolutely without foundation. Business has improved in election years at least as often as it has declined.

This election, of course, will revolve almost entirely around business problems. The chief of these will be the issue of economy. Along with this will go the issue of government borrowing and taxation. Of course the issue of inflation, silver, and along with it such corollary issues as the Townsend plan, etc., will occupy the spotlight. The third issue will be the question of states vs. federal rights. This will include the issue of regulation of business. And the anti-trust law may be a major issue.

One other subject will perhaps rise to a crisis this year. That is the question of the stabilization of currencies. If France devalues her franc, which now seems almost inevitable, then we will probably see an effort to stabilize the currencies of France, America, England and the whole sterling bloc. This will, of course, have some effect upon our foreign trade.

If we take the long view and look beyond 1936, the scene is far more troubled. That we must face sooner or later the bills for our whole depression policy cannot be doubted. That will come by 1938. Certainly it will come in the next administration. But 1936, looked at alone, presents a fair prospect.

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## One of France's Famed Trees Falls

200-Year-Old Cedar of Lebanon Is Destroyed During Storm

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The mighty tree, 35 feet in girth and 105 high, grew from a sapling brought from Lebanon in 1784 by the French botanist Bernard Jussieu. Its twin still stands in the Paris Botanical Garden.

The old tree was struck by lightning several times and injured by storms but had been carefully repaired. Latterly, however, it attacked the interior and so weakened the tree that a sudden gust brought it down.

## State's Revenue

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and school supervision will retire the PWA bonds, leaving the state with a splendid institution for the care of the insane.

"Confederate pensions had a fairly healthy year. All bond and interest requirements have been met for 1935 and \$207,000 set aside to meet such requirements in April of 1936 and to support the confederate home. After this was done, the balance in the fund was mailed to the veterans and their widows. A sum slightly less than \$30,000 was available for pensions."

Treasury reports showed Arkansas State College at Jonesboro refunded the debt incurred by the erection of an administration building to replace one destroyed by fire. A bond issue of \$102,000 was necessary to refund the debt and that portion of the cigarette tax allotted to the college was pledged to retire the bonds which are amortized over a 20-year period.

Penitentiary Finances An improvement in financial affairs of the state penitentiary system during the year was shown. The funding note issue was completed and all accrued interest on the penitentiary debt, approximately \$309,000, was paid. Page estimated that penitentiary revenues would meet the interest requirements and retire the bonds on due date.

"One of the most unique, and interesting, funds in the treasury is that known as the unapportioned fund. Treasurer Page commented, 'It comprises all of the collection of the department of revenue. The cost of collection is deducted from the gross, and the net collections only are credited to the fund to which the revenue is to go.'"

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Crow Killing Spurred By Prize EL DORADO, Kans.—(AP)—Crow killing is being stimulated in a fund of Kansas communities by the issue of bonded birds. Hunters killing the marked crows may collect prizes. Local merchants offered as much as \$10 for one crow.

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